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CLP Component	*Domain(s)	Implementation Practices: Whole Group (Beginning of Lesson)
Whole Group (Beginning of Lesson) <u>Purpose</u> To expose students to grade level standards, skills, strategies, and resources. <u>Time</u> 20 min. in 90 min. block	Planning and Preparation Instruction Professional Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses student friendly language to communicate learning objectives, high expectations, big ideas, essential questions and/or purpose of the lesson. • Actively engages all students in the lesson. • Uses effective strategies to design instruction that supports ELLs and students with disabilities. • Begins the day with a combination of shared reading and introduction of new theme vocabulary. • Activates and builds background knowledge. • Uses modeling through read alouds to demonstrate fluent reading and explicitly explains the use of strategies and vocabulary. • Provides read aloud several times throughout the day. • Uses strategies that connect personal stories to engage all learners in the central idea of the text. • Builds vocabulary. • Provides frequent opportunities for oral language. • Includes fiction and non-fiction books and other text from a variety of genres including poetry. • Uses interactive techniques such as choral reading, songs, chiming in, hand and body movements, use of props, etc. • Has students share their thinking. • May infuse technology into the lesson. • Reading is at grade level and includes all students. • Uses check for understanding or other formative assessment to assess student learning and make adjustments to instruction when necessary. • Provides effective, descriptive, and timely feedback. • Uses district-approved instructional materials and resources. • Follows allocated time allotment.

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CLP Component	*Domain(s)	Implementation Practices: Small Group Differentiated Instruction (Teacher-led Explicit Instruction)
Small Group Instruction <u>Purpose</u> To provide students with differentiated instruction at their instructional level to meet their needs. <u>Time</u> 60 min. in 90 min. block (occurs simultaneously with Literacy Work Stations)	Planning and Preparation Instruction Professional Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizes students in small groups based upon instructional goals. Differentiates instruction based on ongoing assessment. Provides explicit instruction to address students’ individual learning needs in the areas of phonemic awareness, phonics/alphabetic principle, oral language development, vocabulary and/or comprehension. Uses student assessment data to group and regroup students in small flexible groups, with varying intensity and frequency, based on students’ learning needs in specific areas. Evidence of use of formative, benchmark and/or summative assessments to determine flexible groupings, to assess student learning and adapt instruction. Uses check for understanding or other formative assessment to assess student learning and make adjustments to instruction when necessary. Provides effective, descriptive, and timely feedback. Uses district-approved instructional materials and resources. Follows allocated time allotment. Provides instruction that takes place in meaningful experiential contexts. Provides hands on manipulative experiences. Works with students in small groups promoting oral language, vocabulary, and engagement with print.

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CLP Component	*Domain(s)	Implementation Practices: Small Group Instruction (Literacy Work Stations)
Literacy Work Stations <u>Purpose</u> To provide students with differentiated opportunities to independently practice, refine, and enhance their skills as readers. <u>Time</u> 60 min. in 90 min. block (occurs simultaneously with Teacher-led Explicit Small Group Instruction)	Planning and Preparation Instruction Professional Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has students participate in child-focused, adult-supported literacy work stations to practice strategies and skills learned in small or whole group lessons. Uses student assessment data to design theme-based centers to support domain knowledge and cognitive/language development and address students’ learning needs. Embeds literacy in all literacy work station activities and includes construction and dramatic play centers and a classroom library for students to use for self-selected reading. Has the following 5 Literacy Work Stations (may be stationary or mobile): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Independent Reading w/ Classroom Library Independent Writing Media/Technology Phonics/Word Work Vocabulary Evidence that teacher holds students accountable for the learning. Integrates technology and library/media into independent practice. Follows allocated time allotment.

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Whole Group (End of Lesson) <u>Purpose</u> To provide students with the opportunity to discuss, share, and reflect on their learning while enabling the teacher to identify if there are gaps in the learning and determine next steps in the lesson. <u>Time</u> 10 min. in 90 min. block	Planning and Preparation Instruction Professional Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the whole group meet to revisit the focus of the original skill lesson and share ideas and learning through oral discussion and presentation and/or through the use of technology. • Integrates listening, speaking, presentation and technology skills into the sharing session. • Follows allocated time allotment. • Collects and posts evidence of learning. • Uses check for understanding or other formative assessment to assess student learning and determine next steps in the lesson. • Provides effective, descriptive, and timely feedback.

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